GLOSSARY

(Meanings given are only those for the sense in which a word is used in this book.)

adventure: a strange and very interesting experience

anthem: a church song

arcadia: a place of simple pleasure and quiet

archer: a person who shoots arrows. Here, the Archer is Cupid.

arrest: to take and hold a person who has broken a law

arrow: a thin pointed stick that is shot from a device called a bow, with the purpose of

striking someone or something

broker: a dealer who buys and sells stock shares in large businesses

cabby: a man who drives a cab, a kind of closed cart pulled by a horse

caliph: a ruler, like a king

cattle: large animals raised for meat and milk

Christmas: the day Jesus Christ was born (December 25) which Christians follow yearly as a

special church day of rest and gift-giving

comb: an object which is put into the hair to keep it in place and make it look pretty

cop: police officer

count: in Europe, a member of a ruling family

cowboy: a man who takes care of cattle in the American West

Cupid: the god of love. The old Roman people pictured him as a small fat boy without clothes,

carrying arrows that he shot into people's hearts.

foreman: a chief workman

furnished: supplied with tables, chairs, beds, and other things necessary for living

gas: a material that has the same form as air. It is useful—when burning for cooking and

lighting—but is dangerous when allowed to fill a room.

guest: a person who comes for bed or food to another's house or to a hotel

jewel: a valuable stone, or a costly object of gold, silver or such material with valuable

stones, which people wear for beauty

magi: three wise men from the East who brought gifts to Jesus Christ when he was

born (see Christmas)

mammon: riches thought of as a harmful thing that makes people bad

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prince: a king's son, or a ruler

prison: a place where persons who have broken the law are kept for certain lengths of time

ranch: a very large farm in the American West where horses and cattle are raised

reformation: a change into a newer and better form

retrieve: to save something that seemed to be lost

romance: love; also, a story about love

safe: a very strong box, sometimes as large as a room, specially made to keep money and jewels safe

servant: a person who is paid to work in a house with such duties as cleaning and serving food

Thanksgiving: in the United States, the day when special thanks are given

theater: a building where plays can be seen. Plays are stories told in action, with real people appearing as the people in the story.

tradition: an act, opinion, or belief from the past that is used now and will be used in the future

transient: a person who stays in place for only a short time

wedding: the act of becoming married